(c) The details of India's overall exports and those of agricultural commodities (excluding cotton) since 1991-92 are as below:

(Rs. crores)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1. India's overall exports	44041.81	53688.26	69546.97
2. Exports of agricultural commodities	4392.93	5678.83	7524.25
3. % share of agricultural commodities to overall exports from India.	9.97%	10.58%	10.82%

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(d) Government attaches high priority to the export of farm products. Some of the specific steps taken to promote farm exports are:-

(1) Lowering of import duties on certain inputs and materials required by the agricultural sector.

(2) Bringing the sector under the purview of the scheme of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and allowing agriculture based EOUs the benefit of 50 per cent of turnover to be sold in the domestic market as against the 25 per cent norm generally fixed.

(3) More aggressive overseas publicity and sponsoring of trade delegations, arranging of buyer-seller meets and arranging of inter-action with importers.

Appointment of retired officers in Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries

*14. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 672 and 679 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired officials are being appointed as advisors or in any other capacity by Coal India Ltd. or its subsidiaries or in the Ministry of Coal drawing salaries from the funds of Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details of such officials who after retirement are serving Coal India Limited, Coal Ministry or any of its subsidiaries as Advisors or in any other capacity; and

(c) the details of terms and conditions of their services such as payment, perks, facilities and the work being attended to by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to(c) Coal India Ltd maintenance a panel of Advisors consisting of persons who have expertise in technical managerial and other areas relevant to the coal industry. The panel also includes retired officers of coal companies. CIL have informed that the services of Advisors in the panel are obtained as and when needed in very specific and specialised jobs. The Advisors whose services are engaged are paid remuneration at prescribed daily rates in accordance with the rank they held at the time of their retirement, payment being restricted upto 10 days in a month. They are also provided boarding and lodging facilities where available and paid daily allowance and travel facilities as applicable to the officers of CIL of similar ranks. The panel of Advisors as on 20.7.94 is enclosed as statement. (See below) which also indicates the area of expertise of each member of the panel.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Panel of Advisors maintained by CIL as on 20.7.94	Area of expertise
1.	Shri Mahip Singh, Retd. CMG/NLC	Mines Safety and Management of Opencast Mines.
2	Shri H.B. Ghosh, Former DGMS and Former CMD/CMPDIL	Mines Safety with particular reference to mine fires.
3	Shri S.N. Singh, Former CMD/ECL . .	Safety in Underground Mining.
4	Shri M. Jha, Former CMD/NLC . .	Safety in Opencast Mining.
5	Shri N. Sar, Retd. CMD/ECL . . .	Mines Safety with particular reference to Mines Fires.
6	Shri C.S. Jha, Former CMD/ECL . .	Mines Safety with special reference to Underground Mining.
7	Shri K.A. Sinha, Former D(T)/CIL . .	Mine Safety with special reference to mines in North Eastern Coalfields.
8	Dr. S. K. Ghosh, Retd. D(T)/CIL . .	World Bank matters.
9	Shri Rana SJB Singh Former D(F)/BCCL	Internal Auditing, Verification of Assets.
10	Shri U. Narain, Ex-D(F), CCL . .	Internal Audit and Asset verification.
11	Prof. A. K. Ghosh, Retd. Director, Indian School of Mines.	Mining Education Training and HRD.
12	Shri S.N. Gupta, Retd. District Collector .	Land Acquisition for Rajmahal.
13	Shri T.K. Ghosh, Retd. Jt. Adviser (Planning Commissioner)	Coal planning, Assessment of Energy demand etc.
14	Dr. J.K. Sinha, Retd. Scientist, CMRS .	Mines Safety and Environment.
15	Shri C.D. Pandey, Retd. IG (Forest) .	Forest matters with particular reference to acquisition of forest land.
16	Shri L.S. Reddy, Retd. CE(Civil)/CIL .	Industrial Constructions.
17	Shri A.P. Sinha, Retd. CGM(Personnel)	Personnel Industrial Relations.
18	Shri R.K. Rai, Retd. CGM/Rajrappa. .	Mines Safety.
19	Shri I.D. Pandey, Retd. G.M. . .	Material & Laison.
20	Shri U.C. Mehra, Retd. GM (Sales) .	Consumer services.
21	Shri S.M. Sharma, Retd. GM (Sales) .	Consumer services.
22	Shri S. Velappan, Retd. Dy. GM/NLC .	Chemical & Marketing with particular reference to Dankuni Coal Complex.
23	Shri S. Roy Choudhary Retd. Dy. CFM .	Financial matters.
24	Prof. C. P. Thakur	Management.
25	Shri Udev Shankar Retd. CE(Civil) . .	HRD Management.